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Deal so plainly with man and woman as to constrain the utmost sincerity, and destroy all hope of trifling with you. It is the highest compliment you can pay.—Emerson.

DEFEAT OF THE BELT ROAD.

Defeat by Republican votes in the Senate of the four hundred thousand dollar appropriation for the construction of island belt roads is as deliberate a violation of partizan faith as has been perpetrated in this Territory for many a day.

It was on the pledge of this fund for roads that the immigration feature of the last Republican campaign was carried through. And not a single word was raised against it until the voters acting in good faith had elected the men who promised in their platform and personally on the stump to vote the money.

If it be claimed that the legislators could not foresee the present condition of Territorial finance, what shall be said of the appropriation of \$115,000—one-fourth the amount necessary to keep faith—from current funds for the repair of the Judiciary Building. If there was ever an item that might well and better be a charge against the loan funds it is this one that will assure the completion of work that will stand for fifty years or more.

Liberal appropriation for belt roads from the loan fund may save the day, should it be possible to obtain a guarantee that the appropriation will not be blocked in the executive offices of the Territory.

But there is nothing pleasant in prospect for the man who expects to go before the people again, and behind him a record of having promised one thing and deliberately voted the other way.

Tell to him who evil thinks.

Pinkland's Waikiki swamp reclamation plan is the one that will finally be adopted.

Hundred thousand Honolulu can never be realized with disease-breeding swamps allowed to exist within the city limits.

Some of the jockeys who are handling important bills in the Legislature are riding for a fall, unless there is some lively straightening out at the last moment.

When there are so many important measures hanging in the balance at the last moment, it is well to suspend judgment as to the successes or failures of the Legislature.

Maui County made a bid for the success of the Democratic party in the next campaign, when the solid Republican delegation in the Senate voted to violate the four hundred thousand dollar belt road promise.

Now that the Board of Health has authority, it should make known the waste places that need reclamation and start the work of making Honolulu a city of which its inhabitants can boast without one single qualifying bog hole.

Why should anyone complain at the postponement of a land sale? Isn't that the habit of the public land administration, and are we not straining to the last scream of energy to put homebuilders on the land? And haven't we waited and waited and waited for the homebuilders who would take the land and stay on it? How could anyone expect the home-stead "policy" of the department to change in a twinkling and take on the vigor of sharp, straightforward, prompt and intelligent business administration? The critics must be unkind and unfair.

If one thing has been more evident than another during the sessions of the present Legislature, it is that the citizens of the Territory have little or no confidence in the Superintendent of Public Works. The number of times of want of confidence that have been bestowed upon that office during this session leave the incumbent with only the hope of saving enough of the salary of the position to make it look respectable. What the Territory needs is a thoroughly

trained and educated engineer who delivers results and doesn't spend all the time talking about what he has done or wants to do.

By passing the Harbor Commission bill and allowing the Water and Sewer Commission bill to remain on the table, the Senate has put itself on record as striving to improve the conduct of a bureau in which the large interests of the Territory are involved, but allows the continuation of the present system of water management in which the small property holders of the city of Honolulu are interested and must remain the victims. If further schemes of raising water rates are to be sprung after the Legislature adjourns. Let us hope that the "Kauai influence" will not turn from a love of the people to bacterial lordship, as the final hours of the session approach.

Adopt the Administration tax bill. Nothing is more evident than the necessity of placing full responsibility for taxation with the Counties. If they abuse it, they have before them the example of the prompt manner in which action was taken on health matters when the local Honolulu government began to befuddle them and endanger the whole community, and incidentally this should be a lesson always in the mind of every voter and citizen in this Territory. The Federal government can take away and transfer authority just as quickly as the Territorial government can deal with the Counties. It rests with the people of Hawaii whether they will retain control of their own affairs or not.

STREET IMPROVEMENT BILL.

No other city of the United States follows the system that has prevailed in Honolulu since the government was first instituted, of making all public street construction a charge upon the general revenues of the city and Territory.

Hawaii's system of street construction has been especially kind and paternal, and that's one of the reasons why some of the people have come to complain of taxes.

The Bulletin believes that a portion of the cost of new streets should be assessed against the abutting property that is benefited.

If the bill to provide for improvement bonds and street construction, that has quietly slipped through the Legislature, has a joker in it which

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makes the way easily open for contract graft, the joker should of course be eliminated.

At the same time the underlying principle of the bill is right and should be adopted for the city of Honolulu and possibly Hilo.

MORE VARIOLOID IS DISCOVERED ON MAUI

(Special Bulletin Correspondence.)

WAILUKU, April 21.—Reports from Camp 9, Punahoa, of the reappearance of varioloid, soon brought Sheriff Crowell and Dr. Osmer on a hurry call in the M. P. D. automobile last evening, and in their anxiety to reach the camp the auto was driven at a pretty good rate. Just as they were nearing the junction of Market and Main streets last evening, a mule was

walking leisurely up the road. The mule made an attempt to cross in front of the machine, but Chauffeur Voeller with great presence of mind turned to his right just at the moment the mule made a dash for that side of the road also but just in time to prevent an accident.

The two cases of varioloid, who are a Filipino man and his wife, who arrived from Honolulu but ten days ago, are now placed in the Detention Camp on the sand hills near Wailuku. Dr. Osmer is confident that these patients will soon recover, and that the dread malady will not spread.

The Rev. Newell Dwight Hills, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, was used by Edward Hodgson, a Victoria, B. C., mining engineer, for \$20,000 worth of stock in the Western Steel Corporation. The suit includes a claim for \$1900 wages.

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PRIVATE LIFE OF PRINCIPAL

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her testimony in a positive and emphatic manner while being questioned by the members of the Board.

When she was taken up by Mrs. Compton for cross-examination her memory was considerably at fault on any incidents that were in favor of the questioner and her answers to these questions gave the Board no information, being generally, "I don't remember," or "I didn't hear that."

Miss Sandry was called and she had her notes all prepared of happenings which had taken place where Mrs. Compton had "tried to run things" or was alleged to have acted in an overbearing manner.

This witness was deliberate in her remarks and talked in a low voice in answering the questions of the Board and making her own statements.

When taken in hand by Mrs. Compton for cross-examination Miss Sandry never once looked at her questioner but gazed in blue-eyed wonder out of the window while she slowly made her answers.

"How those three women do love each other," was remarked by one commissioner after Miss Sandry had finished her testimony.

At 3:30 a recess was taken for a few moments and at the re-convening of the Board, Superintendent Fope told the statements which he and Judge Stanley had had made to them at Hilo would be read.

He warned those present that there would be some things brought up which were delicate subjects and suggested that if anyone present did not want to be shocked they had better leave.

No one moved. Soon after the start was made in the affidavit of Mr. Vickers of Hilo, who started in by saying he knew nothing about the matter, it was proposed to drop these pieces of hearsay evidence and get down to business.

This was agreed to and adjournment was taken until 8 in the evening, when the charges of Mrs. Compton against Richmond for drunkenness and immorality were to be considered.

EVENING SESSION.

When the meeting of the commissioners was called at 8 o'clock last evening the matter of immorality charges came up, and Inspector Gibson stated that Mrs. Compton told him that Richmond was a drunkard;

that Miss Allen and Miss Sandry had picked him up drunk in the street and taken him home; that she herself had taken liquor away from him and played cards with him night after night to keep him from drinking; that Richmond had traveled across the continent with Miss Sandry; that immoral relations existed between him and Mrs. Lewis; and that Miss Sandry had been caught in a criminal position with Richmond in the school laboratory.

When Mrs. Compton was questioned on these points by Judge Stanley, she said:

"I believe that Mr. Richmond's indecisive policy in school work was due to drink."

"I have played cribbage with him many afternoons and evenings to keep him at home, for if he went out on the street he would disgrace himself and the school."

"I took a jug of wine away from him at one time."

"I believe he takes what is called a 'still drunk'."

"I make the charge of immoral relations between Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Richmond."

In regard to the charge against Miss Sandry and Richmond, this was hearsay, as the matter happened at the last commencement and was told her by one of the pupils.

Asked for proof of the charges of drunkenness, Mrs. Compton said that frequently at the table at Mrs. Lewis' Richmond had been under the influence of liquor, extremely talkative, etc.

"I saw him drink half a dozen times one afternoon while I was playing cribbage with him, and at that time I persuaded him to give me the jug of wine."

Questioned as to how she knew Richmond was taken home by the two teachers, she said that Richmond himself had told her of it.

Asked further, Mrs. Compton said that Mrs. Lewis told the maid in the home that she thought she (Mrs. Compton) was drinking upstairs with Richmond and Conness, the latter of whom had brought home beer on one occasion, and he and Richmond had drunk it.

Stanley—From your knowledge of Hilo, do you think it would be possible for a man in Richmond's position to be a drinker?

Mrs. Compton—Yes; there are many things in Hilo which are not generally known.

Then the matter of immorality between Richmond and Mrs. Lewis was taken up.

Mrs. Compton—In the first place, I was sitting upstairs and the maid was cleaning my room while I sat at Mr. Richmond's desk. It is possible to see from the desk into Mrs. Lewis' sleeping room. Mr. Richmond was scuffling with Mrs. Lewis. After the scuffle, the noise upstairs aroused them and Mr. Richmond went from Mrs. Lewis' room to the bathroom. This happened at about 4:30. From Mr. Richmond's desk he could look into Mrs. Lewis' room and in a mirror could see her dressing, for she left the door open. I saw this myself once, when I went to Mr. Richmond's desk while he was sitting there."

Mrs. Lewis was always bragging about her form, according to Mrs. Compton, and told of how the dress-makers would not believe it was real until they had seen her stripped, or practically so.

Here a laugh was caused by Judge Stanley, who had just asked if the other ladies had no chance to talk

about their forms because Mrs. Lewis talked so much.

"Well, I haven't any to talk about," said Mrs. Compton.

"Permit me to differ with you," said the Judge gallantly.

The Margaret Episode.

Mrs. Compton—One evening there were called present. Before that time I had been playing cards. I came up-stairs while the callers were still talking outside. Margaret had taken her bath and returned before I went downstairs first. When I came up the curtains were all down in Margaret's room, and Mr. Richmond was coming down the hall, from Margaret's room, dripping with perspiration. Mr. Richmond did not deny his attempt when I told him he should be ashamed of trying to take advantage of a girl like Margaret. He grunted and said, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" After that I told Mr. Richmond that if I saw anything more of the kind I should report him to the board. At that time he said Margaret was all right and he had not succeeded. Afterwards he told me, when I was living at Mrs. Andrews', that I need not worry about Margaret any more, for she was all right.

Rainbow Falls Incident.

"For financial reasons it was necessary for me to stay at Hilo, and I wanted to fix things up to make it pleasant, so I could stay the year out. He proposed a walk to Rainbow Falls, as soon as he got some cigars downtown. While he was away Conness came in and we sat there reading, and when Richmond came back he was extremely angry. He went downstairs and I excused myself, telling Conness that I had an engagement to go to Rainbow Falls with Mr. Richmond. I went downstairs and he said he never wanted to see me in his office again. I told him that we had better go out for a walk and talk things over."

When it came to this point Mrs. Compton did not wish to proceed, but Commissioner Aiken said that if it had anything to do with the moral character it should be told.

"Well, he made indecent proposals to me; I think that explains the situation without going into details."

Stanley—You know, then, that Richmond was morally vicious? Why did you not tell it to the board then?

Mrs. Compton—Because I was a stranger in a strange land.

In response to a question Mrs. Compton said she knew nothing further except what she had been told.

The three girls who had told Mrs. Compton were Evelyn Vannatta, Julia Nathaniel and Machiyo Arakawa, two of whom were present yesterday as witnesses.

These girls all came to Mrs. Compton recently and told her that Richmond was a bad man, for he had said bad things to them.

Julia came to Mrs. Compton after she was suspended, and told her about these things, and when Mrs. Andrews was called in Julia told the same things and then made an affidavit to them.

Another thing that Mrs. Compton spoke of was the fact of Mrs. Lewis coming into the room and standing so close to him that their limbs touched, and there was reason why the children could not see the position.

She had never seen anything of the kind between Richmond and any other of the female teachers.

Richmond did not want to question Mrs. Compton until morning, it apparently being put up to him by W. H. Smith, the two having their heads together, at the conclusion of which Richmond begged off on account of poor light and eyesight.

Mrs. Lewis then took the floor. Only two questions were asked by Mrs. Lewis, and these were about the curtains in the hall during the "Margaret episode."

Wanted to Go On.

Commissioner Moir wanted "he examination to go on with Richmond and Attorney Smith said if the board would allow him to cross-examine, as he had taken the notes for Richmond, it would be all right.

It was decided, however, to examine the girls who made the affidavits of Richmond's proposals to them.

The Girls' Stories.

Julia Nathaniel was first called—she worked as second girl in Mrs. Lewis' house.

When going up to make bed Richmond was in office, asked her to sit on his knees and caressed her.

"I went into the room and Mr. Richmond made me sit on the bed. He sat down beside me and fondled me. Then he made a proposal to me and I ran away from him and went down stairs."

Julia then told of Richmond's trying to kiss Margaret and of his drinking. Also that a man should not drink who taught school.

MORNING SESSION.

Machiyo Arakawa was first called before the commissioners of education this morning.

This girl is a Japanese and 18 years old. She said that one day last September during the sixth period, when she had a study period, Richmond asked her to go to the laboratory and see an experiment.

Arrived there he showed her the experiment and then asked her to sit down.

He took one of her hands, put his arm around her and trying to kiss her asked if she loved him.

She got away from him and told him she respected him as a teacher, that was all.

Richmond used to come close to her, touch her with his hands on the hips when in class work at the laboratory, and push his limbs against her's.

Cross-Examined.

Richmond took the witness in hand but could not shake her testimony, and she was excused.

Mrs. Compton made a short statement in regard to the malicious work done in Hilo by Mrs. W. H. Smith, wife of Attorney Smith, and protested against Smith's advising Richmond for questioning her.

Refuses to Answer.

Mrs. Compton refused to answer Richmond's questions.

Aiken took the stand that Mrs. Compton should have the same



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chance for counsel as Richmond; Rice concurred and by vote of the Board Mrs. Compton was given until 1 o'clock to get counsel.

Julia Nathaniel was then cross-examined by Richmond.

NO TAX LIMIT PLEASES SENATE

Adopt Conference Report On New General Tax Measure.

A decisive victory for the opponents of a fixed maximum tax rate in Senate Bill No. 36 was contained in the conference committee report on the bill which was submitted to the Legislature this morning.

The conference committee recommended that the House recede from its amendment providing one and one-eighth per cent. as the maximum rate and that the Senate assent to the House amendments to bring the tax bill into conformity with the provisions of the new school law.

The Senate adopted the report with three dissenting votes, those of Senators Kalamia, Makekua and Pail.

The conference committee report on House Bill No. 85—the Immigration tax measure—was adopted, whereby the Senate receded from its amendment of four dissenting votes being cast by Senators Judd, Kalamia, Makekua and Pail.

The Senate voted not to concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 126, providing for the acquisition of Palolo water rights, and President Knudsen appointed a conference committee consisting of Senators Brown, Fairchild and Chillingworth.

The House amendments to Senate Bill No. 127, making a number of changes of a comparatively minor nature in the tax laws, was accepted upon the adoption of the conference committee report.

House Bill No. 188, extending a telephone franchise in the Puna district, passed with a full vote, and House Bill No. 267, relating to the deposit of county funds in local banks, was deferred until the city and county treasurer could be heard from.

House Bill 269, appropriating \$250,000 for land draining and improvement of general health conditions, passed second reading with a full vote.

Advices received by C. P. Morse, the general freight agent for the American-Hawaiian line is to the effect that the steamship Columbian sailed from Hilo yesterday with destination as Salina Cruz. The vessel left two days ahead of her advertised schedule.

The Columbian is reported as having carried 12,135 tons sugar for transshipment at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Japanese Off for the Orient.

With the sailing of the Pacific Mail steamer Korea for the Far East at five-thirty last evening, at least seventy-five Asiatic took their departure from the islands. The greater number of passengers being Japanese who are returning to their native land.

cabin passengers left for Japan and China ports from Honolulu.

The next American-Hawaiian steamer from the coast will be the Virginian which according to the schedule will sail from Puget Sound for Honolulu on May 9th and should arrive here on or about May 18th.

The interment exercises over the ashes of the late Mrs. Sophia Hale Boyd Pratt will be held at the family plot in Nuuanu cemetery at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Friends and acquaintances are cordially invited to be present.

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